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TOWN CRIER

"God rest you, merrie gentlemen,
May nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day."

And with the above greeting goes a hearty good wish for a Merry Christmas from the Town Crier to the office staff and readers of Middleburg's Own Paper.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Especially ye who would escape from this Mud Age. It is said on good authority that the State Highway Commission may lend an attentive ear to Middleburg's plea for a curb-to-curb paving, providing property owners will give the rights of way for a 40-foot highway through the town. A. T. Arnold, State Road Engineer, stationed at Leesburg, will attend a meeting of the Town Council early in January and will at that time discuss the possibility of such a roadway. The Town Wag can see no reason why property owners should not give the Road Commission the needed space for, he argues, the real estate on Main Street obviously is in a solvent state.

A little White Gardenia goes this week to Miss Rebecca Carter who celebrated her 96th year of good living on December 17th.

"Miss Beck", as she is affectionately known to the scores who are privileged to call her friends, is by her own characterization "an Unreconstructed Rebel". She affirms that she was nearly thirty years old before she knew that damyankee wasn't just one word. Her memories of the civil strife are vivid and her mental faculties are of the keenest.

The Carter homestead, Rutledge, is a veritable Southern shrine. Here are cherished authentic original Southern documents, pictures and flags of the Lost Cause. And here, too, is found the flower of Southern hospitality at its best and sweetest.

Suppose you were down to the bottom of your pocket—down to your very last centime—and had tuberculosis, what would you want the fellow who wasn't down even to his last ten thousand to do? Easy? Well DO IT. The Christmas Seal Sale is lagging alarmingly this year and that means that for the next 365 days tuberculosis will present more of a menace to society than it did last year, will be less under control because incipient and active cases will remain at large for lack of hospitalization funds. The Seal Sale presents an excellent form of health insurance at more than nominal rates—both in safety and satisfaction in a good deed well done.

Dr. A. G. Crump has stopped "putting down one and carrying one" and reports excellent progress in recovery of his injured foot hurt in a hunting field some weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall have bought a 100-acre farm near Woodburn, but will not move from the

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Sandhills Prepares Feature Brush Race

North Carolina Racing Group Announce \$1,000 Purse And Trophy For March Meeting

At a recent meeting of officers of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association, Inc., of Pinehurst, and Southern Pines, North Carolina, it was decided to change the feature event from a timber test to a 2½ mile brush race. A purse of about \$1,000 will be put up, with a three time trophy.

The President of the Association, Verner Z. Reed, Jr., Vice-Presidents Nelson C. Hyde and Almet Jenks, Treasurer Livingston L. Biddle, II, and Racing Secretary Richard Wallach made this decision, and also indefinitely decided on a date for the race about two weeks before the Carolina Cup which is generally run the last Saturday in March. Due to the fact that Richmond's Deep Run Hunt Cup may not be among the regular list of Spring meetings, officials of the Sandhills Association are awaiting a definite date to be set by the Racing Secretary of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association.

In the third running of the Sandhills last year, the big race: "The Sandhills Cup," over timber, was won by Escape 3rd, owned by R. K. Mellon, and ridden by Sidney Watters. The rider of the winner received a trophy presented by Verner Z. Reed, Jr., in memory of the late Noel Laing.

Final plans have not been agreed upon, as to whether the new feature event, will be known as the "Sandhill Cup", and will be run over brush, or "The Yarkin" will carry on as the name of the brush race and will become the feature of the five race card. According to Richard Wallach, Racing Secretary, another meeting will be held in the near future, after a date is given the Sandhills Association, and at that time, announcements will be forthcoming of the final decision in regard to the naming of the big race.

CHARLES TOWN CLOSES WITH KENTY WINNER

The last of the year's racing here in the East wound up at Charles Town on Saturday last, December 18, before a crowd of some 8,000 in weather that seemed more like April than that approaching Christmas.

Many witnessed but the fulfillment of their expectations when E. R. Pike's Kenty, trained by that able horseman Claude Feltner, garnered the Waterford Stake, contest for three year olds and upward and feature event on the day's program.

Under the expert handling of Jockey G. Napier, the brown four year old by Teddy out of Lady Emeline stayed well in restraint for the first half mile, then moved easily to the front on the outside. Holding

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Virginians Arrange For Camden Show

February 19th Announced By Committee As They Apply For National Reorganization

When Virginians go down into South Carolina to Camden, in February, they become "The Virginians" and band together and put on one of the best mid-winter horse shows in the south called The Virginians' Horseshow". According to an announcement made recently by J. North Fletcher, the date of February 19 has been set for the third annual show.

The Virginians' Horse Show Committee, made up of Miss Viola Winmill, Miss Jane Wilbur, Randolph Duffey and Mr. Fletcher, President all from here and Miss Wilhelmine S. Kirby, Bedford Hills, N. Y. have applied to the American Horse Show Association for recognition, and there is every likelihood of this show becoming a member in the near future.

The show is held in the ring and grounds of J. North Fletcher's, where a hundred and twenty horses performed last year. This year more than this are expected, and the Camden Hunters Trials are held on the following Monday, the 21st., with the Camden Hunt Races taking

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WINCHESTER MAN BRINGS CLAPTRAP TO VIRGINIA

In 1935, when Leslie E. Keiffer, owner of the famous Inverness Farm, Monkton, Maryland, sold off most of his thoroughbred breeding and racing stock, the master of Inverness held on to his well known sire "Claptrap". It was not until this last October, when after continued offers, Mr. Keiffer was finally induced to sell, and with the consummation of the deal, Virginia's list of sires numbered another when Claptrap came to Shawnee Manor, Winchester.

Claptrap, a bay horse, foaled in 1923, by Fairplay, is out of an imported mare *Catalpa, daughter of Tracery a great stake winner in England. He was a winner at two, and as a three-year-old, beat Crusader at six furlongs, carrying 120 pounds, in 1:12 flat and won 19 races. He also won as a five and six-year-old.

He has sired a number of winners, including Bungalow, Golden Tip, Sisko, Polle, Maisonet, Clapping Jane, Claque, Peppery and Clap In. All of his foals are said to be outstanding in conformation.

In bringing Claptrap to Virginia, the owner and proprietor of Shawnee Manor, C. Worthington Lowe is anticipating using this stallion for race, horse show and hunter prospects. At Shawnee now, Mr. Lowe has four mares, respectively in foal to Woodcraft, Time Maker, Messenger and Mud.

BELFONDS IS AT MONTANA HALL; REPLACES KSAR

Noted French Classic Winner Property Of Syndicate In Clarke County

Belfonds, the French imported stallion purchased in November by a syndicate of Virginia horsemen, arrived last week at Montana Hall, estate of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hewitt at White Post, and will make his first season in this county this year.

Purchased to head the Montana Hall Stud in place of Ksar, another French stallion, who died back in the fall, Belfonds has been advertised with a stud fee of \$1,000 a mare with no return and ten per cent additional to insure a live foal. The thoroughbred was shipped from France to England and then made the trip across the Atlantic arriving in New York, where he was vanned to White Post.

Included in the syndicate besides Mr. Hewitt are B. B. Jones of Audley Farm, and David Buckley, Jr., of Highacre Farm of The Plains, Va. At Montana Hall, Belfonds has joined another stallion, Pilate, owned jointly by Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Jones. Pilate will also make the season this year, but no fee has yet been placed on his services, his owners stated.

Belfonds was a race horse of the highest class, and while he probably cannot be placed on a par with Ksar, who was the fourth largest money winner in the world, he covered himself with glory over the French turf. His greatest achievement was winning the French Derby. Starting at 6 to 4 odds, the son of Isard II—La Buiere romped home in a field of 14 by four lengths.

He started his racing career as a

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FLORIDA RACES COMMENCE WITH TRIUMPH FOR STUBBS

With the opening of the Florida racing season at Tropical Park on Monday, December 20, 10,000 eager racegoers saw Townsend B. Martin's Stubbs, down from Westbury, carry off the honors of the day as he annexed the \$1,200 Inaugural Handicap.

The five-year-old gelding by Sir Galahad III out of Marie Odile broke on top, setting a swift pace under restraint to the final turn where he easily took command and won hands down.

The closing event that day, a mile and sixteenth claiming race for four-year-olds and upward, went to Mrs. A. Doris' chestnut gelding U. Demon.

By Abbott's Nymph out of Brumina, the five-year-old horse had difficulty getting clear of the field early in the race, but managed to work through on the inside approaching the stretch where he drew ahead with a few rapid strides and finished well clear.

The Horseman's News

Dunnottar Farm Famous For Children's Ponies Raised And Trained By Two Generations Of Keiths In Old Warrenton Home

The girl that said "But I don't want to go to dancing school", found that it wasn't so much the problem of the long fall from a 17 hand grey hunter at the age of eight that bothered, but more it was the difficulty of getting back up again. She was persistent in her riding high; but more so in getting down to something her size. Peggy Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Keith, Warrenton, now Mrs. James Hamilton has always been an ardent horsewoman, but it took her sometime to get her family to get her a pony.

While she implored and entreated, she continued to tumble and climb from an 18 year old 17 hand, hand-me-down hunter of her father's, that had carried him when he was Master of Warrenton. But one day while he was away in New York the first pony, of the now famous Dunnottar Pony Farm was purchased. That was when it started, when Corinna came trotting through the Cannon Ball Gates of Dunnottar and ever since, the names of Keith and good ponies have been synonymous.

But this synonymy has only been due to the never-ending enthusiasm and keen eye of "Miss Peggy" herself. Her sisters, Julie, now Mrs. Melville Bearnes, Bettsey, and Helen, now Mrs. Charles Ray Peck all rode and played through their pony-back days together, but it was the showing-interests of the oldest sister that put the name of Dunnottar on the map in the world of horses and ponies, that it is to-day.

In fact it was the oldest sister who helped first form the Warrenton Junior Hunt (without hounds), and was one of the founders of the Warrenton Pony Show, some 19 years ago, which is now the oldest and most famous Pony Show in America. Mrs. Hamilton was President of the Show for several years, and it was greatly due to her continued interest that the Show got such a splendid start.

Whence comes the name of the farm Dunnottar, you ask? Well so did the writer.

The great "Klan" of Keiths, so omnipresent in Virginia, originated in Scotland, and their headquarters there was a Castle named Dunnottar, perched atop a towering rocky peninsula a hundred and sixty feet above the sea. There was but one approach, a tunnel from the sea level to the top. Entirely self-subsistent, with a spring, it was a stronghold, and the finest example of medieval fortifications of the fourth and fifth centuries.

So the name—now standing for the stronghold of the most famous children's ponies in the east. Show winning ponies have come from Dunnottar, and have won in almost every state on the Atlantic sea-board, including grand-championships in Pennsylvania, Maryland, North and South Carolinas, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia. They have come from Dunnottar to triumph everywhere, and they all came by their Scottish anceder pseudonym because of "Miss Peggy", Corinna and those 17 hand tumbles.

Everyone rode the first Keith pony Corinna. Sisters, brothers, cousins and friends. She was a one pony pony-show on an afternoon of play. She was ridden into an improvised ring on the front lawn shown consecutively in jumping, hackney, gaited and combination harness classes, a different ride reach time—but always a blue-ribbon winner. When Corinna went into the real horse-show ring, she triumphed too; won consistently, and was usually ridden by "Miss Peggy".

Offers to buy this great little pony were numerous. Despite refusing to sell, the owner was influenced to believe she was a great show-ring owner at that early age—and she was right, too. And so came ponies—three more at one clip she bought, turned over quickly to ready buyers, and then more and more until some 40 ponies roamed Dunnottar. They were shown and won consistently in the Virginia rings, and the buyers were many.

Like "Topsy" who just grew—the Keiths sprung up too, and, "low", the ponies remained the same. The showing and jockeying of these mounts was constantly relegated to the younger and younger, finally the youngest, "Miss Helen". Then Keiths turned to horses for more triumphs in the ring. The ponies were gradually sold off and many are still in the country, such as "Billy" winning now for Miss Patricia Downes, of Warrenton.

Then it was marriage, and Mrs. Hamilton and her husband James Hamilton ran a racing string and won stakes and races throughout the United States and Canada. Their colors accounted for many of the big hunt races, including Montpelier, United Hunts and Richmond's Deep Run.

However, it was only a matter of time until their children, their two young sons and a daughter would be coming on as pony jockeys. On they came, with the same enthusiasm for horseflesh as their parents. For the past several years now there have been ponies and ponies a plenty on the farm, over thirty there now, headed by the imported Welsh Stallion.

There are brood mares, (mostly Shetland), yearlings, two year olds, and then even old Sunny, now 43, with a weather eye out for all the youngsters, knowing their tricks before they are played.

Sunny was one of the first ponies with Corinna. The ponies in size generally range from 10:2 to 13 hands and are not too broad backed so that children have no difficulty in getting a grip and sitting close with their knees. Dunnottars are selected for their excellent disposition, good mouths, and as free movers. There must be no bad habits such as kicking and biting when the pony is finally made.

Mrs. Hamilton pays particular attention to manners, for very often she must sell ponies sight unseen, merely filling orders that come by mail, and telephone. They cannot be "piggy", must move freely, yet not too quickly. Mrs. Hamilton shipped one 500 miles away recently, following the receipt of a letter, in which merely the age of the child was given, and "a well mannered and possible show ring winner is desired." Back came a letter, not

the pony, "Our pony is ideal, we all love her, she is even better than we had hoped she could be."

To have this confidence, to ship a little 11 hand quadruped often over a half a thousand miles from home, and feel sure it will stick, certainly necessitates a lot of fundamental training and handling. With a Welsh stallion most of the Dunnottars are half Shetland and Welsh. The conformation and characteristics of such a cross have proved the best possible after years of experiment. However, for larger ponies, mares are crossed with small thoroughbred stallions, and these gets are bigger from 13:2 to 14 hands; good for older children, as hunters.

Mrs. Hamilton is now looking forward to the outcome and growth of an interesting pony at Dunnottar; one by a Welsh stallion out of a thoroughbred mare.

Her two sons and her daughter, "Pickens", do the schooling, and of course each have their friends, so there are plenty of "jocks" for schooling days. When they are riding, playing, working, and schooling, they are usually accompanied by their small colored nurse, who is 12, and who is given complete authority over her charges, especially Jimmy and Barry, the two young sons, who are five and six respectively. The little nurse, named "Katherine", has a sister named Alice, and brother Bill who are handy "jocks" too, helping make ponies while watching out for their friends.

Broken as yearlings, Dunnottars are pets and learn quickly, jumping first over 18 inch jumps, which are gradually raised to two and then three feet. Then it's 'cross country for them, and when they are finished they can do any of the average hunting country in Virginia. The 12 hand ponies can jump up to four feet, just as easily as a horse.

Dunnottars are all ponies of class, as no time is wasted with prospects unlikely. They must be good enough for the show ring, "we don't fool with the crooked legged ones", and another requisite is withers—"we don't like ponies like beeves, and don't keep them on the place," so you will be advised by Mrs. Hamilton; and if they are not worthy of bothering with, it is "off to the mines for them at \$60 a head."

Should you visit Dunnottar, where some 560 acres of Warrenton Hunt country rolls, you'll find the ponies in their paddocks, looking for all from the distance, like small thoroughbreds. But it isn't all roaming and grazing for them. It's schooling and then with a large dairy on the Farm, the ponies are used to drive and handle the 80 odd cows.

With the acreages within the famous old Canon Ball Gates resounding with the laughter and chortles of this new generation, of Keith-Hamiltons, on a good sunny afternoon you can find 10 to 12, ridin', playing horse-show, holdin' race meets and schoolin'. The Hamiltons and their friends, are, while playing as the Keiths did of old, manning and making the best possible and safest ponies. It must be the knowledge of this that enables Mrs. Hamilton to have the confidence to time and again ship ponies thousand of miles and have no thought of them not sticking.

Price? Dunnottars bring the top and all prices. Back in 1927, one of the outstanding sold for \$1,500. This pony won almost all classes she ever attempted in the ring, including conformation, jumping, saddle and combination. But this is not typical by any means, for splendid types can be bought for \$125 up to \$400 and more; and when the check is written you've got something, that reliability, dependability and manners of Dunnottars represent.

Some of the famous Dunnottars since Corinna are "Jock", a Hackney-Welsh with plenty of action and a consistent jumping performer; "Jolly", and "Jupiter" consistent in conformation classes and "Grey Knight", hunted on Thanksgiving Day last by Miss Pickens with Warrenton Hunt—and she jumped everything. For other names and ponies you should see "Black Mammy", Black Sambo", Chocolate Soldier", "Betty", "Dawn" and "Jester".

The "Dun" of Dunnottar Ponies means rock, and they are as solid and sound as a' that.

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Hunting Notes:-



Middleburg

The meet was at one Saturday at New Ford, and as Middleburg Hounds moved off the rain came down steadily, and after drenching a large field, thoroughly, it let up as hounds drew across the William Hitt farm. Then it started again as a fox was found on the Benton place, but few realized it, so rapid the pace, as hounds carried a line through the Goodstone Farm, across the creek to Whitfield's, on to Foxcroft and thence to Patton; where the fox swung back to the Whitfield's and crossed the Sands' Farm, for as good a run as you want to enjoy. Hounds lost unaccountably.

Many pulled out after this fast forty minutes. Despite a fall, when his horse hooked the top rail in a natural post and rail fence, and a badly swollen eye resulting, M. F. H. Dan Sands took hounds on and another run took some twenty members of the field through Frances Mill onto Hogeland and in a big circle back to Pole Cat Hill.

It was slippery and heavy in places, and several took croppers. Dr. William Gaynor started the day, when he bobbed off his white hunter, then another of the Whitfield troupe took the count when Mrs. Holger Bidstrup's mount went down. She stepped off very gracefully. Albert Ely, of Washington, he was on a white hunter too, went off twice, but outside of some mud, he was no worse for wear; and he finished up the day of two runs.

Among those hunting with Middleburg this week were: Baylis Grimes, William Seipp, Bruce Cabot, Crompton Smith, Paul Mellon, Mrs. Amory Perkins, Dr. C. Alexander Hatfield, guest of Paul Mellon's, the Reginald Bishops, Barry Hall, and Miss Nancy; Mrs. John Hay Whitney, who was really flying on "Poulette"; Miss Laura Sprague, Ridgley and his parents the Arthur Whites; Mrs. Jack Waddell, with her father Louis Leith, William Hulburt and his daughter Miss Elizabeth; Mrs. Silvie Hazard and daughter Miss Natalie; Henry Frost, Vaughn Glascock, Miss Willet Leach, Mrs. Robert Post, Remsen Williams, Jim Skinner, Pat Patton and others.

On Monday Hounds met at Hibb's Bridge, and with M. F. H. Dan Sands taking a day off for a School Board meeting, Mrs. Holger (Peter Whitfield) Bidstrup and Newell T. "Buddy" Ward did the Mastering. It was a day of short runs, two of them of thirty minutes, were as good as they come, and Harry Worcester Smith, a veteran of many great ones, felt the last thirty minutes were the best in his memory.

At one point two reds and a grey were viewed, and five foxes in all

were found during the day. Two were accounted for in denning. The pack was quickly put on the line of one when confronted with three foxes in the same field. Winding up at 4:30 in Patton's place, after having been almost to Purcellville and Leesburg, there were the substitute M. F. H's., Mrs. George Blabon, Pat Patton, Harry Worcester Smith and Arthur White.

Piedmont

Meeting at The Maples, home of Mrs. Joshua Fletcher, on Friday last Piedmont Hounds were moved off by Huntsman Craun and Whip Beavers, as directed by the Master Dr. A. C. Randolph, precisely at one. Drawing towards the mountains, along the pike, above the Upperville Show Grounds, hounds turned right handed and proceeded through the bottom lands of Panther Skin Creek, and then crossed the Willisville road, according to Mrs. Nina Carter Tabb.

At this juncture, hounds found in the open, crossed into the Bedford Fletcher place, where rain and a large wheat field checked hounds for a time, back of Houghton Metcalf's. Then with intermittent checks, a line was carried eastward to the hill above the old polo grounds on Welbourne.

The steady down-pour of rain handicapped hound-work greatly, but hounds soon found that the fox had doubled back on his previous line and then gone over onto Goose Creek.

Many of the large field had dropped out by this time, and yet still twenty odd followed Dr. Randolph as he drew covers up through the bottoms to the Charles Sabin's, where he called it a day, about 4:30.

Among those hunting with Piedmont during the past week were: Mrs. Diana Guest Sevastopoulo, Mrs. William Beverley Mason, Jr., the Jack Skinners, Mrs. John Hay Whitney, Miss Julia Gatewood, George Roberts Slater, Harry Worcester Smith, Charles Cushman, Roger Bayly, Harvey Shaffer, Col. John Butler, William Phillips, the Robert Youngs, Richard Peach, Alvin Baird, Arthur White, Barry Hall, and the Editor and his Easy Mark.

Meeting at the Raymond Guests' on Tuesday, Piedmont Hounds under the Mastership of Dr. A. C. Randolph moved off at one o'clock, with the usual large field of followers. Hounds were taken across the pike, drawing across the Guest property and down into the creek bottom, where two foxes were started and viewed.

Hounds were put on the line, spilt, but were gathered and forced onto one, when scent proved terribly weak. Across the pike into the Langley's Airport, and thence across the sand-clay into Raymond Guest, where the fox swung left handed and recrossed the pike again. It was a short but brisk run, which finally wound up again across the pike, back of the Langley's.

Another fox was found later, and a run of some duration ensued. Dr. Randolph kept hounds out until dark, many of the field staying with him, hacking home, didn't get in until after six. Despite poor scenting, it was a good day, and due mostly to the excellent hunting of the hounds, and their obedience, which enabled them to carry on when scent almost failed completely.

Among those out with Piedmont Tuesday, were Dr. Edmund Horgan, M. F. H. of Cobbler, Vaughn Glascock, former M. F. H. Piedmont, Turner Wiltshire, Paul Mellon, Paul Llewellyn, William Seipp and daughter Miss Melita Seipp, Harry Worcester Smith, Mrs. George Blabon, Harris Bucklin, Gordon Grayson; Barbara Iselin; Mrs. Diana Sevastopoulo, C. E. Perkins, Mrs. Amory Perkins, Mrs. Norman Toerge, who was hunting a new Ed. Crump chestnut bought from Henry Frost, and had with her son Gerry Redmond, Jack Skinner, Dr. Cary Langhorne, Barry Hall, Horace Moffett, Sammy Marshall and father Captain Marshall, and the Arthur Whites.

Following the Friday's fixture, which calls for an Upperville, meeting Dr. Randolph, Master, of Piedmont, has announced that he will call a by-day for Christmas Day. The time and place of the meeting will be given to the Upperville Telephone Operator on Friday night.

Warrenton

Hounds met on last Saturday at Eugene Allen's Gate, for the December 18th fixture. After drawing through Mr. Allen's and down through the Sloane's Whitehall Farm, a fox was started on Snow Hill. This fox was put to ground after a short twenty minute run.

A second was started, and after a fine 45 minutes of real galloping, despite heavy going in places, hounds were finally whipped off before going into Pig Nut Mountain.

On Monday, the meeting was at the Kennels, down on Carterbury Farm. A field of some twenty turned out to go with M. F. H. Amory Carhart and Huntsman Miller, including: Mrs. N. Penrod Hallowell, of Andover, Mass., guest of the Kenneth Jenkins who were hunting. Miss Lucie Duer, Mr. and Mrs. William Emory, and their son William, Jr., and daughter, Mr. Harry Pool, and daughter Miss Sallie Spilman, Melville Church II, Mrs. George Cutting, William Streett, Mrs. John Hinckley, and others.

A fox was started after drawing through the country beyond Fauquier Spring, but the run was not long, the fox was put to ground. Scenting conditions were excellent but everything gotten up, went to earth. Two foxes were started in all.

Orange County

Hounds met Saturday, December 18, at the Major Murray farm. After drawing numerous coverts in a direct line, a fox was started on Miss Olive Smith's farm near The Plains, which crossed into the old Marshall farm, now part of Mrs. Plunkett Stewart's property, thence to Blue Bird, across Oliver Filley's place and on to Middleton's Mountain. Running from there to Mr. McConnell's farm back of the mountain, hounds swung right handed and back to Mr. Filley's where scent was lost and hounds were taken in.

Hounds met at Mr. Oliver Filley's on Monday, December 20. Under almost perfect weather conditions, accompanied by slight southerly winds, hounds moved off at 12 o'clock and started a big red on Mrs. Harold Talbott's farm. The run which followed carried hounds across the nearby Ball place, thence to Rodger Lambdon's farm and on to Middleton's Mountain. Turning back from the mountain the fox swung back again to Mr. Lambdon's where hounds lost.

Drawing on from there another fox was started on the Hatcher farm which took hounds away on one of the best runs enjoyed this season. Crossing back of the Ellis house and into Piedmont country, the fox went straight away over Raymond Guests field, back to Mr. Phipps' East Rect- or Land, again through the Hatcher farm, then crossed another of Mr. Phipps' places. With fences coming big and fast, the field followed hard, as hounds crossed William Stevenson's farm, swung left at the Stevenson house and on to William Seipp's. Still running, they crossed Mr. Phipps' landing field, went by Mr. Phipps' house, hounds turned and crossed the hard road into Mrs. Nina Tabb's farm. With the run promising to become endless, hounds were whipped off as the fox headed up Cromwell's Run, thus closing a chase that lasted fifty-five minutes without a single check.

Meeting at Mr. R. H. Legard's on Tuesday, December 21, hounds started a fox back of Alvin Baird's farm in John Rawlings' woods. From there on to John Rawlings, Sr's., hounds crossed the McCarty farm, then onto the Oakley Holmes place near Delaplane and back to Mr. Rawlings', after which the fox crossed a field of cattle and hounds were whipped off.

THE CHRONICLE HUNT CALENDAR

MIDDLEBURG

Saturday, December 25, 11 a. m. C. Oliver Iselin's
Monday, December 27, 10 a. m. "Egypt Gate"
Thursday, December 30, 10 a. m. Gilbert's Corner
Miss Charlotte H. Noland, M. F. H. Daniel C. Sands, M. F. H.

PIEDMONT

Tuesday, December 28, 11 a. m. Welbourne
Friday, December 31, 11 a. m. Rose Hill
A. C. Randolph, M. F. H.

ORANGE COUNTY

Monday, December 27, 11 a. m. Mr. Phipps' Brick House
Tuesday, December 28, 11 a. m. Mr. Delancey Nicoll's
Thursday, December 30, 11 a. m. Mr. W. W. Holton's
Fletcher Harper, M. F. H.

WARRENTON

Monday, December 27, 1 p. m. Kellis' Corner
Wednesday, December 29, 11 a. m. Oak Shade Church
Amory S. Carhart, M. F. H.

OLD DOMINION

Tuesday, December 28, 11 a. m. Kilkenny, (Mr. J. A. Hinckley)
Thursday, December 30, 11 a. m. The Kennels
Sterling Larrabee, M. F. H.

BLUE RIDGE

Monday, December 27, 10 a. m. Scaleby
Wednesday, December 29, 10 a. m. Woodley
William Bell Watkins, M. F. H.
Joint Meet—Middleburg-Piedmont Pothouse—December 29th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

In the last two issues, Nardi's ad (The Riding Habit Shop in New York) has started something; not only in giving rise to the question as to how women riding astride should turn out, but also in inspiring some who do turn out astride to dress more smartly. Why women ride in

such short coats or jackets mystifies me completely, because, as we all know, it doesn't produce such a striking picture to anyone following immediately in the rear. When one sees and studies some of the women in the hunting field to-day one wonders whether they have ever seen themselves in the looking-glass.

Regarding ladies who ride side-saddle, you have only to study their attire to see what it means to produce those very graceful lines in their general sartorial appearance. The riding habit gives length to the wearer; so does the riding coat, which is usually well cut and certainly moderately long in the skirt; and the top-hat if worn, completes a very nice-looking and attractive picture.

What I think is wanted in the way of something really attractive for those women who ride astride is to wear a well-made black coat with some length (with long skirt) and a top-hat to top the picture of slenderness off. Then they would really be worth looking at when they appear at the meet. The apparent objection to wearing of toppers by ladies riding astride, is a survival of feeling from the days when riding astride was frowned upon. The sight of a field composed of those riding-side-saddle wearing toppers and those riding astride wearing bowlers undoubtedly conveys the idea that the latter are inferior in status to the former.

It is high time that the invidious distinction is removed, and the question settled not upon old-fashioned prejudice or false ideas of "etiquette" but upon the long established principle.

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TOWN CRIER

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Tabb place until September of next year.

Mr. George E. Pelton spent Monday in Washington.

Middleburg presents a Christmas card appearance with the show windows of its business houses dressed in gold, tinsel, holly and pine. Business is reported excellent, some home made statisticians claiming that it will be far ahead of last year.

"The Hunt Box", an attractive eating spot, will be opened shortly by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant of Aiken, S. C.

Mrs. W. R. Hardesty of Shepherdstown, W. Va. with her two daughters, Misses Anne and Ruth Hardesty, will arrive this week to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mageath, Jr., at their country place near Aldie.

Miss Winnie Gray Gartrell came home from Washington Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gartrell.

The Methodist Church School will present a Christmas pageant at the church Sunday evening to which the public is invited. Mrs. J. R. Hendricks has charge of the program.

W. G.

KENTY WINS

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this position up to the final turn, the colt responded when called upon and drew clean, though it was drive at the finish as Silent Shot moved up fast to threaten and come in second.

The winner, paying a \$4 for a \$2 mutuel ticket, covered the mile and sixteenth in 1:55 flat.

The trophy, a large silver loving cup, was presented to E. R. Pike by Mrs. A. J. Boyle, wife of the track owner.

Earlier that same day, Mafuta, another Virginia horse, owned by J. E. Hughes had galloped home to win a claiming race for two year olds over the Charles Town Course.

The chestnut filly by Cherokee out of Glyn, carrying Jockey B. Hacker, was rated close to the pace-maker Tuleyries Lin who took an early lead. Rounding the final turn, however, Mafuta came up on the outside to wear down the leader, while Schley Nurse, from the inside forced the winner to strive under pressure and finished a close second.

BELFONDS ARRIVES

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two-year-old, winning several important stakes, and then after annexing several purses, including the French Derby, as a three-year-old he was retired to stud. At two he won 44,900 francs, and at three, his purses aggregated 734,900 francs in four races.

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place on the 22nd. The curtain raiser of Hunt Races.

There were 17 classes last year, with more to be added this year. The outstanding and most distinctively interesting class of the show was the Steeplechase Class. This class is judged solely on type; conformation only judged, blemishes not considered. Soldier's Fate, owned by Campbell Weir, of Wilmington was the winner, and later came on to win the Foxcatcher National Steeplechase Classic in Far Hills, Md. This is the best and most unusual class in any show in America.

Mr. Fletcher is shipping 10 horses to Camden during the next week, and his forty stalls will be soon filled to capacity when Alvin Untermeyer ships his 12 down, including Hexameter, a show horse of no mean repute and Chaps, an outstanding steeplechaser. Miss Kirby will winter nine show horses in Mr. Fletcher's stables.

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Editorials

CHRISTMAS OVER A YEAR

"Merry Christmas to you, gentlemen." Such an age old wish and yet a wish that has in it all the best of all the year. If every day could be a Christmas Day in spirit what a happy life there would be everywhere. But no, there are too many other things to do in all the other days to allow but one fleeting glimpse of how the world could live if men were other than they are.

"God bless us every one", said Tiny Tim. He knew the value of this day of days and he would have wanted to make every day a day of Christmas. Then each would think all the day long of how to make the other person happiest. All the world would wake each day and wonder what was best for others, not themselves. If each would give and keep on giving all through the year, what a different world this would be. It is not the actual gifts that make Christmas the day it is. The little girl in the big house with all her dolls, is no happier than the little boy in the tiny house with one small present that means more to him than all the dolls in all the biggest cities in the world. Nor does the rich man who in the bustle of life has found time to order for his children the finest electric train that can be bought have any brighter, merrier day out of Christmas than does the working man who has spent a goodly portion of his weekly wage buying nuts, oranges and candies for the little ones at home.

The presents do not make Christmas. It would still be the happiest of all days if people would not even give anything but themselves, for the happy thought of others is the spirit that leads all men to wish good cheer to each and everyone. These thoughts drive care away, these thoughts bring shouts of joy from the highest mountain top to the lowest glade. What to give Nellie and Billie and John, what to give Sadie and Frances and Tom? There is the Christmas spirit all mixed up around the one word give. Give what? Who cares what they get, but it is what they give that matters. It is giving that makes Christmas. It is giving that brings all the best happiness in the entire world.

If we but stop and think in all the rush of this demanding world that if everybody gave to everybody else all of themselves of spirit, mind, and wealth then nowhere in all the world, would there be want, there would be Christmas everywhere, for each would be looking after the other and no one would need to think of themselves. This is what makes Christmas happy. It is your gift and my gift, it is your thought and my thought about some other person than ourselves that provides the cheer of Christmas Day, and makes of it a gleam of that happiness that is there for all who will but give not take throughout a Christmas year.

GOOD BUSINESS JUDGMENT

This Christmas, as every Christmas, the people of each locality should remember that very old, but worthwhile slogan, "Buy at Home." There is more value to those short words for each individual than can be contained in a book, for they encompass the entire life of the community in which we live.

If there is no prosperity at home, there can be no prosperity for the individuals who live in the same community. Each person, whether he knows it or not, is closely knit together with the welfare of the person next to him in the same community. Just so soon as people cease to support their own community, then that community commences to decline. If it were not for this support from the local people, shops would fall and close. As soon as this happened, real estate would fall in value. As the value of the land decreases, the wealth of the entire community disappears. Those people who thought they had invested their money safely soon find they are but pouring money down a sieve, if they do not constantly give their support to their own community by "Buying at Home".

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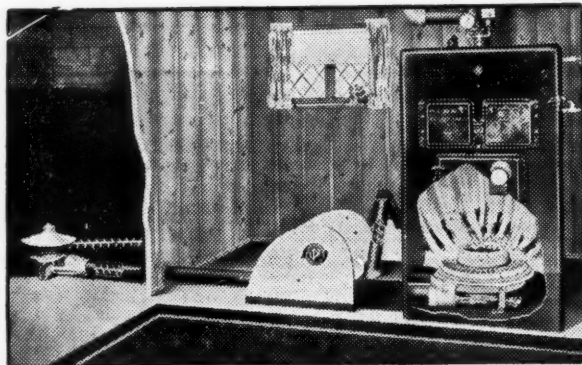
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Editor's Note: This is the second article by Mrs. White on country meat.

By Carol White

The first step after cutting the meat up is to start the lard. There are two kinds of lard. The very select kind made of the pure white layers of fat, that is called leaf lard. The other kind is made of the greasy fat and is not nearly as nice to cook with. Great tubs full of "insides" are brought into the kitchen and all women stand around a big table and cut and gossip, as soon as a clean tub is full of lard it is taken out to the yard and poured into enormous iron kettles that have fires burning under them, and here they are boiled down (rendered as they call it) strained and poured into 10 gallon lard cans to be cooled and put in the cellar till the smoking is finished and then they will be stored in the meat house. Little crispy scraps come to the top during the boiling and these are called cracklings and are delicious cooked up in corn bread and served very hot.

All the livers, lights (lungs) are hung on a convenient fence till time to use them, at least the liver is made up into Pati but the dogs get the lungs.

The chitterlings are the entrails cleaned and washed and put to soak in salt water. When cooked they are cut in about two inch lengths and fried. I must say I like them, but they are a little bit "high" for most people.

Some of the heads are left to be soaked, later to be cooked with cabbage, a good winter dish. The rest of the heads are cut up along with the feet to be made into head cheese.

The tails are cleaned and cooked fresh with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, noodles and beer. Makes my mouth water.

Chine is the back bone and some are salted down and some are eaten fresh.

Most of the tenderloins are ground up into sausage. Some eaten fresh.

You see that the old saying is pretty true that everything but the squeak is good about a pig. You can also see that during the putting up of hogs you feel like squeaking yourself you get so fed up on "pig meat."

The sausage comes next to the lard for the kitchen work and I think that the following recipe is the best I have ever known. It was handed down from generation to generation

of a very famous old Virginia family:
16 pounds of lean meat
8 pounds of fat
Sprinkle with:
9 level tablespoons salt
9 level tablespoons sage
8 teaspoons red pepper.

Sprinkle over meat and grind, then work well on large clean boards and grind again. In the olden days they had to do all the grinding by hand, but we now take ours to the butcher and he has an electric grinder and it is a cinch to have it done in this way. We pack it in tubs and cover with cloths, take it into the village and then bring it home to work and then back for the second grinding. The motor trip it has to take is not good, but nevertheless much easier. After the mixing and grinding we keep out what we think we can use fresh and always send our friends packages of fresh sausage and hope and pray that they will return the compliment when they "kill". The rest is made up into little cakes and fried just like it is when cooked fresh for the table, packed into Mason jars and the fat that would ordinarily go with that number of cakes poured on top and after the lids are screwed on tightly the jars are stood on their heads and the grease will do the sealing. Of course, these sausage cakes are not as good as the fresh ones, but they are pretty nice in the middle of winter with hot batter cakes with black lace edges and strained honey and fried apples.

You can use the heads either for scrapple or Head Cheese. Personally, I think the scrapple has it all over the cheese. It can be served cold or sliced and dipped in egg and cracker crumb and sauted.

Scrapple

1 hogs head
Salt
Pepper
Powdered herbs
Corn Meal
Buckwheat flour

Scrape and clean the head, removing the eyes and brains, then split it and put it on with plenty of water to boil for four hours, or until the bones will slip easily from the meat. Remove the bones and chop the meat. After skimming off all the grease from the liquid return the meat to the kettle while it is boiling. Season highly with salt, pepper and powdered herbs. Add equal parts of cornmeal and flour to make a soft mush stirring all the time, keep this up for fifteen minutes, then lower the heat and cook for 1 hour.

Pour into bread pans and keep in a cool place till needed.

Head Cheese

1 hog head
Salt and pepper
Sage
Sweet Marjoram
Powdered Cloves

Cook head as for Scrapple. Dren head, remove bones, cut ears into very thin slices and season highly with seasonings mentioned above, pack into a container that is the same at the top as at the bottom (so you slip it out easily) putting a layer of the sliced ears every once in awhile, cover with a plate and a heavy weight on top to press it down. This will be ready to use in two or three days. If you want more of the above recipes you can also use the feet and mix them up with the heads.

Pate of Pig

I make this up and use as you would pate de fois gras. Of course, it doesn't touch it but its pretty good.

Boil the livers till well done, but

do it slowly or else they will be hard. Drain and run 2-3 through a meat chopper, take out all the little tough parts and then take the two-thirds of the liver and mash it for a fair you well, and add olive oil to make a paste, season with salt and pepper and a tiny bit of ground cinnamon, pack into small jars along with slices of some of the pieces you left whole and very thin slices of truffle, pour about a half inch of rendered chicken fat over the top to seal it and that's that.

Now in the meantime the men in the meat house are salting down the large pieces of meat.

Pendleton Recipe for Curing Meat

For one hundred pounds of meat:
5 pounds of brown sugar
1 gallon and a half of black molasses
6 quarts of fine salt
6 quarts of coarse salt
1 teacupful of black pepper
¼ teacup red pepper
Two tablespoons saltpetre

Mix well in a tub. Rub meat well with the mixture getting plenty in hock bones. Put layer of fine salt in bottom of barrel or tight box, then

layer of meat so on till box is full. Leave for six weeks, take out and in three days put powdered borax all over meat well around the bones. Hang and smoke with hickory chips every other day for 15 days. Do not kindle the fire with paper as it will make the meat taste. Before fly time in the spring rub around bones with borax and tie up in paper bags. I think the two year old hams are the best.

Let me give you one more tip which I think is a good thing to know, and that is a secret which I think not many people are on to. When your cook boils an old Virginia Ham tell her that the minute it is done put it into a bucket of very cold water, preferably ice water. This will close the pores and all the juices will stay in the ham instead of oozing out into the water it was boiled in.

Now I am sure that after all the above you will never under any circumstances want a meat house but I thought it might interest somebody to know how its done.

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KATTY

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My dear,

Merry Christmas to you and to those who read my letters and like them, and also to those who don't like them and call me dreadful names!

It is so nice being with the family, but I am dashing back to Virginia Sunday night. I must not miss what promises to be a divine party Monday night to be given by the Jimmie Van Alens and the Bobby Youngs.

I saw Virginia Abbott in town the day I arrived. She is not as slender as I have seen her.

Had a delightful chat with Jules Glaenzer the other night. Do you remember what fun we used to have with him abroad? He always amuses me so.

How different it is up here at Christmas when I compare it with the one in Virginia. I adore it down there at this time, for there still exists a Christmas spirit that no one, I believe, can ever change. For instance, the colored people singing on the streets (at Midnight) "Holy Night", etc., unconscious of anyone listening, they do have such lovely voices. Up here Christmas never seems as natural.

Did I ever write you about Burt? how worried we all are about him? His friends have done everything to try to help him, (for we are so fond of him), but he is just where he was last year at this time and you know that is going some. He won't help himself, so what's the use??!

What do you think! just before I came up, I heard that the "Prodigal Daughter" is trying to return, (I hope you know who I mean). That positively bruises me. It beats anything I have ever heard. I wonder if she will ever like them as "ripe" again.

The Paul Mellons have been in Virginia a lot this fall. I don't think they are very socially inclined. I cannot blame them much. Paul comes to hunt, not to play.

Tonight I am going in town for dinner and to see the Lunts in their

new play. I hear it is a scream and very well done.

Lucy Lynn has been visiting (?) Letta Perkins. I won't try to describe Lucy to you after reading what her cousin Martha Blair has had to say about her.

I saw Bunny Lambert Lloyd the other day. She loves to call me down about my letters to you. She thinks I am a little too bold at times.

I doubt if I write next week.

Why? Guess!

Affec.,

KATTY.

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ciple that everyone should dress as smartly as he or she can afford, as a compliment to the Master, and for the sake of the prestige of the Hunt. Judged from this point of view, if a woman looks smarter and more becoming in a topper, as she certainly does, it is quite beside the point

which way she rides. If she wears a black coat, logic demands that she wear a topper.

If the fashion is begun by a few it will soon become general. Those adopting it will reap their reward in the increased admiration by male members of the Hunt and in their consciousness that they are contributing to the gaiety and splendour of hunting.

Yours for the ladies astride wearing the cut-away Hunt coat, with

light colored breeches, top-boots and top hat.

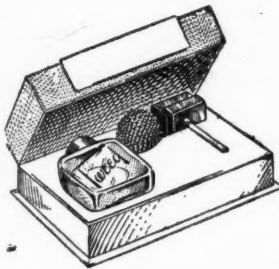
Sincerely yours,
TOPPER.

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The first of a series of three winter horse shows was held on Tuesday night in the Fort Myer Riding Hall, when an unusually large list of civilian and military horses competed in a benefit for the Fort Myer Christmas Tree Fund, which supplies toys and Christmas presents to the children of needy soldiers' families. Under the directorship of Major A. W. Roffe, the classes moved off in rapid order with Rusty winning the open jumping for enlisted men and

F. C. Kleeman's So Long ridden by James Marsh won handily in the Green Jumpers class and the touch and out went to Sir Conrad, Leut J. R. Pugh, owner up.

The rodeo ride by troop F. 3rd Cavalry, was roundly applauded, when the famous Fort Myer Troop gave a delightful exhibition of stunt riding.

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In The Country:-

Dr. A. C. Randolph entertained at dinner at his Piedmont Grafton home on Saturday night, for Mrs. Diana Guest Sevastopoulo, sister of Mr. Raymond Guest. Others there were the Kenneth Gilpins from over the mountain, the Charles Cushman, and the Raymond Guests.

Mr. Joseph B. Thomas, of New York, one time Master of Middleburg-Piedmont Hunt, back in the early days of this great country, was back in his old haunts recently. He dropped in to see many of his old friends, stayed with Dr. Thomas Neill, of Mountsville, saw the George Greenhalghs, over at their Springsbury Farm near Berryville, roamed over into the Old Dominion-Larrabee domain, saw the Larrabees for luncheon and also dined with the Wallace Kenyons and Miss Anne. He then shoved off for Charlottesville.

Mrs. George Sloane had to up and recall luncheon invitations last Sunday and rush to Cincinnati when the sudden and unexpected illness of her Aunt there called her west. Mr. George "Todd" Sloane hovers about New York, but is expected down for the Christmas Day and week-end.

The William B. Streets had a few in for dinner on Monday, in honor of Mrs. N. Penrod Hallowell, and that "Shootinest Man" Mr. Streett supplied duck for his friends. That new kind of game called charades or something, played with teams kept the evening going at an exciting tempo. Among those savouring the pressings of duck and acting out words in charades were the E. Kenneth Jenkins, with whom Mrs. Hollowell of Andover, Mass. is staying, the Frederick Princes, Tommy Leiter and Richard Wallach.

Miss Fanny Keith has returned from her Nightingale duties in New York to Christmas it with her Mother, Mrs. J. A. C. Keith of Warrenton. Mrs. K. F. Bowman, daughter: Miss Virginia and sons, Frank and Jack enjoyed the warmth of Mrs. Keith's Winchester St. hearth, the past week, following the destruction of their home by fire. They are moving into the Chamberlain house for Christmas. Mrs. Keith will have her sons: Jack and Jim with her for the holidays, while her oldest son Taylor with Mrs. Keith and twin-sons will remain in San Diego, Cal.

Miss Bettsey Keith, daughter of Mrs. Julian Keith has returned from New Haven Conn., for this week-end, and Mr. James Hamilton will also join Mrs. Hamilton for a Dunnotar Farm Christmas. He is doing great things with his Penn Point magazine in Pittsburg, having recently changed the style.

Mrs. Norman, Katherine, Toerge was back again for hunting, and was out with Piedmont Tuesday with her son Gerry Redmond.

She stayed with Mrs. Silvie Hazard, and had her daughter Miss Nancy Redmond with her too. The Hazards and Toerges and Redmonds all flew north on Thursday, after the Middleburg meeting to Yuletide it in Long Island.

Prior to the North Wales Masquerade Ball, Mrs. Baldwin Spilman, Sr., is giving for Miss Elizabeth Rice Barrett, the Amory Carharts are entertaining, with dinner and dancing.

Home and here for school it is for many. Miss Mildred Mc Connell is back from Greenway, Va., and Madeira School; Louis Murdock, nephew of Earle Potter's is here hunting, from St. Marks; C. E. Perkins is back from Harvard; Miss Louise Sharp is back from college; Miss Bobby Gaddis is back with her parents in Marshall, and, of course, all the Mc Connells; Robert E. Jr., from Lawrenceville School; and Miss Elizabeth Mc Connell from Baldwin School.

Mrs. Juliette Crosby Hornblow, daughter of Mr. Oscar Crosby, arrived recently in Warrenton to spend the Christmas holidays with her father at his View Tree home. Mrs. Hornblow makes her home in New York.

Mrs. Reginald Vickers, who has

been in New York visiting her father, Mr. Charles Baird, Sr., has returned to Gordonsdale.

Mrs. Emily Starr and her son James Starr have just returned from New York, on an extended Christmas shopping venture. Mr. Starr had been out in Nevada and has just returned.

The Hubert Phipps have hit the southern trail for a Christmas in Tallahassee, Florida. They will return shortly after the first of January.

Miss Dorothy Neyhart who made a shopping expedition of it with Mrs. James Hamilton in Washington Tuesday, hied it to Boston and Farmington Center to be with her family for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Adnah Neyhart.

The Phipps Airport on last Sunday like Newark or Roosevelt Field, had frequent arrivals and departures. Miss Clara Lloyd-Smith was hopped home to New York with three friends from Foxcroft School as recess for Christmas arrived, (in an orange and black job, Gruman Amphibian). Then the "Spirit of Pegasus", a Lockheed 12 protruded its landing wheels and sat down neatly to take aboard the Harold Talbotts who had week-ended with the William Langleys. Their ship cruises at 213 miles per hour, and they have used it 700 hours, or almost 150,000 miles in the past year. Where have they been?

Mrs. Robert Post is moaning and unhappy about up and leaving the hunting and country for England this month. She has been out regularly with Middleburg, and says her horse is going better every hunt. We'll miss her too.

Mrs. Amory Perkins, whose son Charles E. came home this week from Harvard, entertained them on Saturday night, with dinner and bridge, and there were the Arthur Whites, the Daniel Sands and others.

The Jack Hincleys lit up the birthday candles for Mrs. Amory S. Carhart last Friday at one of those lovely dinners so typically well done at Kilkenny. There was much toasting, and the Chronicle put one in out of turn. Miss Gertrude Webb was out from Washington for the occasion.

Col. John Butler had a few in on Friday for dinner too.

The Charles Farrars heralded the Yuletide festivities with an egg nog party Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, in their Leesburg home. Those noggings were Mrs. K. F. Bowman and daughter Miss Virginia Bowman, the Misses Dorothy Montgomery, Julie Carpenter, Fanny Keith, (down from New York for the holidays), Frances Wills, Virginia Randolph, Mrs. Crosby Miller and the Henri de Heillers, Jim Keith, Buster Clark, John Drake, Jack Bowman, Frank Bowman all of Warrenton; Mrs. Anna Farrar, the Ned Farrars of Charlottesville, the A. S. Whites of Watford and others.

Continuing the round, Miss Betsy Charrington will be at home to her young friends this afternoon, in Warrenton, while tomorrow will find them stopping at Virginia and Jane Calverts' for a bit more cheer. Sunday Miss Clarissa Fleming will entertain in her attractive little cabin near The Plains Monday, the 27th, the Pierce girls and brother James will do honors, on Wednesday, the 29th, Major and Mrs. Austin McDonnell will hold a formal reception at their Warrenton home for their daughter Austine. The 30th Miss Mary Seldon Kennedy will receive, and New Year's Eve will find the Richard Barretts dining their many friends before the debut ball given for their daughter Elizabeth Rice by Mrs. Baldwin Spilman.

Well all you have to do is to take a look into Middleburg or Warrenton post-offices and there's just avalanches of Xmas. Cards being stuffed in the boxes. The Bobby Youngs have a grand hunting-scene one, of Orange County, the Ken Jenkins have a hand painted Nordix Farm scene depicting bringing home the Yule tree; Norvin

Harris, Jr., from New Orleans, has himself rated as an Investment Counsellor, Crystal Gazer and Chart Reader for 1938; the Ben Cains have an original "sporting print"; "Peasant Shooting in Virginia"; some write their names in, like the William Seipps, and Mrs. Jane Fowler Bassett; others in the Raymond McGraths and the Clarke T. Baldwins have had Ben Cain sketch, then they color; Bill and Lettice Streett have a wonderful one, fox-hunting scene, poetry, wishes, all drawn and crayoned by Lettice; the Sterling Larrabees have touched the high-spots of the world, comparing strife with Virginia-life, and Madge in her usual cleverness has concealed lettering about the base of a cannon; then Gertrude "Trudy" Trumbo has a wonderful Xmas and N. Y. greeting, with two pointers setting; while Helen and Jack Hincley have gone penguin on us and attractively so; Virginia Calvert has landing lights from a transport aeroplane, lighting up Merry Christmas from 2,000 feet; while George Poehlman has one of the most interesting, depicting his broadcasting horse-show service system and a scene from the Warrenton Horse Show, a breeders' class—So-Oh—its MERRY XMAS!

CASUALTY LIST

M. F. H. Daniel Sands, of Middleburg, had an "eye" for his field on Saturday, when getting badly bumped in a slow fall over a natural post and rail fence.

Louis Duffey, suffering the pangs and pains of a tooth extraction.

Mrs. Raymond Belmont and Miss Winnifred Maddux both down with the gripple, sort of feeling rocky for Christmas.

The Chronicle's Car, a flat spin on ice and it went almost deep sea fishing in Millwood Run last week. It is on the mend at Warrenton Supply after having been retrieved nobly by Burch's Garage.

William Hitt, cut he had aside of one left eye, unexplainable.

Dr. Geddis Crump, the broken foot protrudes from a rubber cut-away riding boot these days, and he's going again to hounds.

Hubert Phipps' pick-up truck, couldn't out talk a Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. Co. pole.

Mrs. Richard Peach, of Upperville came out of a serious head-on crash with a truck with her car the other day alive, but suffered the loss of several teeth, also a broken jaw.

Miss May Noble of Puerto Rico, who is visiting Mrs. J. B. Anderson, received a broken collar bone when the car in which Mrs. Anderson was driving, a brand new one, skidded on ice last Wednesday and crashed. Mrs. Anderson received a severe bruising against the steering wheel.

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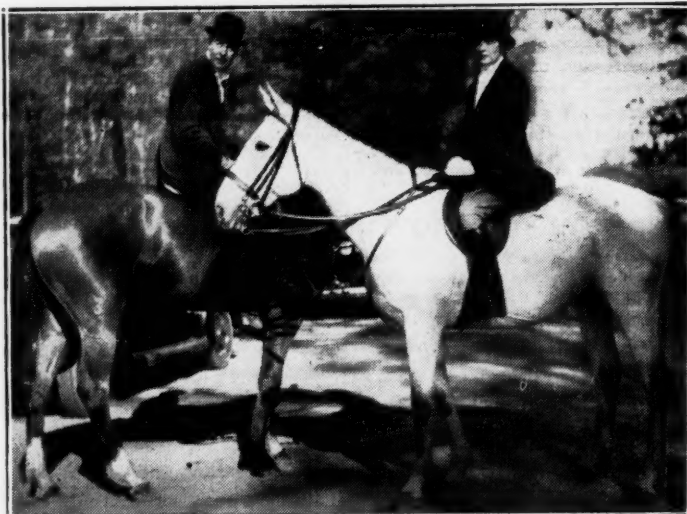
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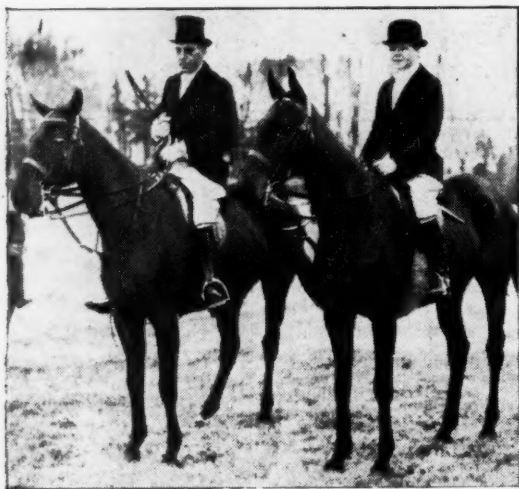
One of the Best With Orange County



—Hayes Photo.

One of the very best seen with hounds, Mrs. William Phillips of Middleburg sits her white horse as if in a picture by Munnings. Beside her is Mr. George Wharton of Chicago who spent a week hunting recently with various Virginia packs. Mrs. Phillips hunts regularly through the season with Orange County and her absence from the field for the past few weeks has been very much missed.

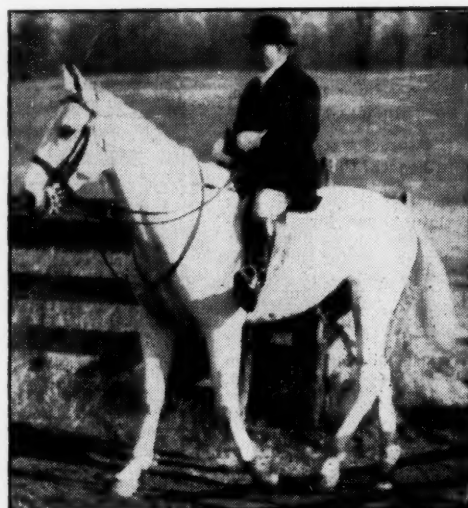
Rarely Hunt Together



—Hayes Photo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cutting are shown at a recent Neptune Lodge meeting of Warrenton Hunt. Mrs. Cutting hunts consistently with Warrenton and Old Dominion. She has missed but two days this fall. Mr. Cutting rarely appears with hounds.

SPORTSMAN—FATHER



—Hayes Photo.

Mr. William Hulburt, who is equally adept at driving four in hand, playing polo or getting across country, is busy these days "schooling" the young in the hunting field. He was out recently with Middleburg with two daughters and his son, Billie.

HOUNDS,....GENTLEMEN, PLEASE HOUNDS



—Hayes Photo.

With some forty couples of hounds, Middleburg Hunt, founded in 1906, and now led by Joint-Masters, Miss Charlotte Noland and Mr. Daniel C. Sands, has been showing great sport to its large fields of followers. Huntsman Maddux and the two Whips are shown taking hounds out on a recent meeting. Fixtures call for hunting, Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

